

ABOUT SB/SCAP

The primary mission of the DEQ's non-regulatory Small Business & Small Community Assistance Program is to provide important environmental regulatory assistance to small businesses and to provide environmental regulatory information to small communities.

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UST inspection initiative

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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is continuing to oversee, or participate in, the inspection of more than 1,600 Underground Storage Tanks (UST) sites identified as not having been inspected since the Dec. 22, 1998, upgrade requirement deadline. Sites subject to these inspections are those having underground storage tanks that contain petroleum products, chemicals or used oil. This initiative is an effort to meet one of the provisions in the federal Energy Policy Act which states that all of these inspections should be completed by Aug. 7, 2007.

EPA Region 6 contractors have recently completed a percentage of these inspections. In the coming months contractors for LDEQ or LDEQ personnel will inspect the remaining sites. Owners and operators should be prepared for a UST inspection by making sure their registration form is accurate, up-to-date, and accessible at the site. The LDEQ issued certificate that verifies payment of fees should be at the site for review by the fuel distributor, as well as the inspector. Paperwork demonstrating compliance with other regulations (ex. release detection, corrosion protection, spill and overfill prevention) should also be available to the inspector.

Any owner or operator who has questions concerning this inspection initiative or who questions his inspection readiness is encouraged to contact the Department's Small Business Assistance group to seek assistance in understanding

the requirements and ensuring compliance. Also, LDEQ holds a monthly class that explains the UST regulations and what to expect during an inspection. The schedule of classes is available on the Department's website at:

[www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/
tabid/2277/Default.aspx](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2277/Default.aspx)

For questions concerning this information or to register for this free class, contact Toni Evans at (225) 219-3719.

EPA's small business innovation research program (SBIR)

EPA issues annual solicitations for Phase 1 and Phase 2 research proposals from science and technology-based firms. Under Phase 1, EPA awards firm-fixed-price Phase 1 contracts of up to \$70,000 and the period of performance is typically 6 months. The current Phase I Solicitation opened March 15, 2007.

Phase II contracts are limited to small businesses that have successfully completed their Phase 1 contracts. The objective of Phase II is to commercialize the Phase I technology. Competitive awards are based on the results of Phase I and the commercialization potential of the Phase II technology. In Phase II, EPA awards contracts of up to \$225,000 and the period of performance is typically 24 months.

For more information, visit EPA's website at: es.epa.gov/ncer/sbir.

assisting small businesses/small communities to comply with and understand environmental regulations ::

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Reminders:

Underground Storage Tank Training

Date	Location	Time
18-Apr-07	New Orleans	1 pm - 5 pm
16-May-07	Lake Charles	8 am - 12 pm
28-Jun-07	Alexandria	8 am - 12 pm
11-Jul-07	Baton Rouge	1 pm - 5 pm
19-Jul-07 (If needed)	Baton Rouge	1 pm - 5 pm

NOTE: To register for this FREE class, call:
Lourdes Iturralde (225) 219-3713, or Toni Evans
(225) 219-3719.

Sanitary Wastewater Compliance Assistance Training (SWAT)

Date	Location	Time
26-Apr-07	Lafayette	8 am - 12 pm
23-May-07	Thibodaux	8 am - 12 pm
25-Jul-07	West Monroe	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
26-Jul-07	Shreveport	8 am - 12 pm

NOTE: To register for this FREE class, call:
(225) 219-3720

Reports Due

APRIL

5 - UST Worker
Certification Exam
(225) 219-3062

28 - Quarterly DMR

MAY

1 - Ozone Season Begins

JUNE

7 - UST Worker
Certification Exam
(225) 219-3062

JULY

1 - TEDI; Form R(TRI);
Minor Source Air
Toxic; Perc Reports
28 - Semiannual &
Quarterly DMRs

SPCC rule amended

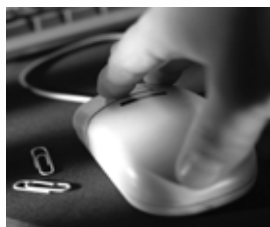
EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson signed a final rule to amend the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule in Dec. 2006. This was to address a number of issues raised by its 2002 final rule, including those pertaining to facilities with smaller oil storage capacities, qualified oil-filled operational equipment, motive power containers, and mobile refuelers. EPA also removed sections of the rule that are not appropriate for facilities with animal fats and vegetable oils, and extended the compliance dates for farms.


EPA also proposes to extend the SPCC Compliance dates to July 1, 2009 for owners and operators of facilities to prepare or amend and implement SPCC plans.

Visit EPA's Oil Program website for more information at www.epa.gov/oilspill.

Web Links:

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